



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 8, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on June 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Dick Collins
Tara Ellman
Karyn Gitlis
Curtis Ritland (On Phone)
Alyson Star
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
David Swanson (Chair)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Eric Fitzer
Sally Clements

Citizens Present:

Kolby Granville

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:45 p.m.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Mr. Kolby Granville introduced himself to the members and talked about his reasons for attending the meeting. The Chair thanked Kolby for his attendance and asked about where he lived and how the noise affected quality of life where he lived.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 11, 2010)

Barbara moved to approve the May meeting minutes with some edits proposed by Karyn. Curt seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Summer Months Meeting Schedule

Dick moved not to meet in August 2010. Alyson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Karyn moved to have the next regular meeting on July 20, 2010. Barbara seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Commission Initiatives Procedure

Staff presented a Gantt chart for tracking the status of initiatives taken by the Commission. The chart would become a part of the meeting materials for each regular meeting, and any of the initiatives that the members intended to discuss would have to be listed on the meeting agenda published prior to the meeting. The members expressed their appreciation about having a tool that displays their initiatives and follow up actions taken to advance them.

Curt left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff

E-mail Listserv for Aviation:

Staff updated the members on steps taken by staff and the Tempe Communication and Media Relations Director to set up a listserv for aviation. Residents have the option of receiving e-mails with news about the different topics by signing up for subscriptions at the Tempe in Touch web site. Aviation updates will be issued on a periodic basis with focus on a special topic related to aviation, activities at the airport and their impacts. Members asked staff to let them know how to sign up for the aviation listserv when it becomes available, and to include information about where to complain about aircraft noise in the aviation subscription updates released by the city.

PHX Operations

Staff provided graphs showing a drop in Sky Harbor traffic volumes in 2010 compared to the same period in 2009, and reductions in daytime carrier jet departures towards the east since January 2010. Winter months usually have more of the departure flow going east than later in the year because prevailing winds often are from the north and northeast. Staff also presented information received from Randy Payne about the volume of Sky Harbor turboprop operations and turboprop departures going east between 2004 and 2009. Staff will continue to examine the traffic flow and any impacts of effects from temporary runway closures later this year. Staff will also keep track of arrival volumes and how in-bound traffic is directed over Tempe, and periodically give briefings to the members. The members emphasized the importance of also examining noise impacts from both types of operations over Tempe.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)

1. Discussion of The FAA Reauthorization Act, and the need for Tempe to lobby representatives in Congress to get the act passed, and to enact neighborhood friendly policies. (A senate version was passed in March 2010.)
2. Discussion of the need to make a statement regarding the east – west traffic flow situation.
3. Discussion of how currently published flight procedures reflect the procedures agreed upon in the IGA.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Water Utilities Department Manager